

**NSC BRIEFING****7 November 1956**

NSA review completed

**SOUTH KOREA**

**I. The events in Eastern Europe and the Middle East have renewed President Ehee's hope of unifying Korea, by force if necessary.**

**A. For the past week South Korea has been broadcasting appeals to the North Korean people to rise up against the Communist regime, and loudspeakers are being utilized along the DMZ for the same purpose.**

**B. Demonstrations are being organized in the south.**

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II. President Rhee has also sent letters to Dien and Chiang Kai-shek stating that now is perhaps the best time to attack the Communists.

A. While Dien and Chiang are sympathetic to Rhee's objective of <sup>REUNITING KOREA</sup> ~~reuniting Korean~~ by force, it is doubtful that either one would agree to any joint operation which did not assure American participation.

III. Rhee might attempt some action against the north if he became convinced of the support of the North Korean people.

A. There is no organized opposition to the North Korean regime, however, and the Communists who would actively oppose Russian control have been long since purged.

IV. Rhee may be merely preparing his people in the event an opportunity arises for him to "rescue" the North Korean people, without having any definite plans at this point other than to step up subversive activity.

A. There is a possibility, however, that he may try to take advantage of the tense world situation and provoke an incident with the Communists.

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V. All American organizations in South Korea have been alerted to watch for any positive indications of South Korean action.

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